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In re the Application of

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Serial No.: National Stage Application based on
International Application No. PCT/SE98/01997,
filed November 4, 1998

Filed: May 12, 2000

For: FLAT OR SEMI-FLAT ELEMENT INCLUDING A FRAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the attached one page Abstract with the Abstract originally filed with the application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 2, line 1, change "characterised" to read --characterized--.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"; and change "characterised" to read --characterized--.

Please add new claim 7 as follows:

--7. Flat or semi-flat element (1) according to claim 2 characterized in that the wall section (3) is connected to the frame (2) at or very close to the gravity center line (5) of the frame (2).--

(Please amend claim 4 as follows:)

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